

SELLERS THROG TOBACCO MARKET

Good Prices Received and Growers Are Satisfied.

MAN MISSING FROM HOME

Cases Against Richmond Detectives Continued Until March.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 101 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 22.

There was a great rush of tobacco to market yesterday and to-day, and the warehouses were crowded with sellers and buyers. Sales were made yesterday of about 550 separate lots, aggregating 225,000 pounds, and the offerings to-day were as large if not larger than yesterday. The good prices that have ruled throughout the season were well maintained, and the farmers are satisfied. After the sales tomorrow the market will be closed until January 4.

Great Activity in Peasants.

On a very active market Spanish peanuts jumped up 2 1/2 cents to-day, selling at \$1.27 1/2 per bushel, and some dealers holding for \$1.30. The receipts have been heavier than ever before known before Christmas, and stock has been sold as fast as received to meet the unprecedented demand for shipping.

Missing From Home.

Timothy Cameron, a former engineer on the Norfolk and Western Railway, and more recently in the employment of the city, has been missing for a week or more from his home in Blanford. His friends and relatives have been unable to find a trace of him and are becoming anxious.

Cases in Court.

In the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie county yesterday, by agreement of counsel, the cases of L. T. Branch and Dennis Roe, the Richmond detectives charged with assault and false imprisonment, the victim of which was Mr. Sheffield, a citizen of the county, were continued over to the March term of the court. C. J. Madison (colored) was tried on a charge of forgery and was acquitted.

In the Police Court to-day.

Eddie Jones (negro) was sent on to the Hustings Court to be tried for felonious cutting with intent to kill. On the night of November 27 Jones had a fight with William Kennedy (colored), and attacked him with a razor, which he got out of a nearby barber shop, and almost disemboweled him. Kennedy has been in the hospital ever since, and his recovery is regarded as remarkable.

Two negro sharpshooters.

E. A. Taylor and Morris Saunders, each with several aliases—were arrested here last night, charged with kidnaping an unsophisticated colored farmer out of \$20.00 by trickery.

News Brief.

Mrs. B. L. Clark, a highly esteemed woman, died yesterday at her home, near Dinwiddie Courthouse, after a protracted illness. She is survived by her husband and several children. A riding tournament for the privilege of crowning the Queen of Love and Beauty and her maids of honor will take place at Dinwiddie Court-

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house next Monday. Many young men of the county have entered the list of knights. A coronation ball will follow.

The public schools of Petersburg will close for the Christmas holidays to-morrow to reopen January 3.

A charter of incorporation for the town of Ettrick, in Chesterfield county, is being prepared, and if satisfactory to the people, will be submitted to the General Assembly next month.

Annual Meeting Riverside Club.

The annual meeting of the Riverside Club was held last night and the following officers were elected: President, E. B. Snyder; Vice-President, Paul Fottit; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. George W. Pegram; Chairman of Finance Committee, W. D. McKenney; Chairman of House and Grounds, Dr. H. G. Leigh; Chairman of Hunt Committee, M. C. Jackson. The outgoing members of the board of governors were re-elected—Mr. C. Jackson, Dr. H. G. Leigh and W. D. McKenney.

Irvin Stephenson (negro) while intoxicated last night, broke one of the windows at the Hill Crest Settlement in an apparent attempt to enter the building. He frightened the ladies very much, and this morning was sent to jail for three months.

LEASES STONE QUARRY.

Contract Entered Into with Rock-

bridge County Supervisors.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, VA., December 22.—

The board of supervisors of Rock-bridge county, at a called meeting held at the courthouse, entered into a contract with E. E. Panake, of Lynchburg, whereby he is given the privilege of quarrying stone on the county farm, near Lexington, for a period of five years, with privilege of renewal.

Mr. Panake is to pay a royalty of 1 cent per ton fluxing and crushed stone, 4-10 of 1 cent per bushel of eighty pounds of lime, and 10 cents per ton for building stone, with a minimum annual royalty of \$250, of which \$170 is to be paid in advance. This is very valuable limestone.

R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church.

Tucker Memorial Hall at Washington and Lee University, and stone foundations of the courthouse and the Lexington High School and other buildings are of the same stone.

BURNED TO DEATH BY FALLING IN FIRE

Woman Alone With Invalid Daughter Meets Horrible End.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, N. C., December 22.—

The city was shocked this morning

when the news of the burning to death

of one of the most prominent and well-

beloved citizens, Mrs. George A. Phil-

lips, at the home of her husband, on

West Second Street, last night about

5 o'clock, became known. Mr. and

Mrs. Phillips, and their daughter, who

is afflicted with a mental disease, were

sitting in the living room in front

of an open fire after supper, and Mr.

Phillips left to go to the mail box

on the corner to mail a letter, being

out of the house about fifteen min-

utes.

On his return, when he entered the

room, he found his wife lying face

downward in the fire, her face burned

to a crisp and charred beyond recog-

nition, and her clothing in flames.

Mr. Phillips seized a chemical fire-

extinguisher and succeeded in extin-

guishing the flames, just in time to

prevent the house from catching fire.

Mrs. Phillips for the past two years

has been subject to vertigo, and it is

surmised that one of these fainting

spells caused her to fall into the fire,

and in this unconscious condition, she

drew the flame down her throat, caus-

ing her death almost instantly. Her

daughter, not being responsible, could

not give any alarm, and there was

no other person in the room at the

time.

Mrs. Phillips leaves a husband and

one daughter.

The funeral was conducted from the

residence at 1:30 o'clock to-day by

Rev. M. T. Pyle, of the Methodist

Church, and the interment was in

Oakdale Cemetery.

WOULD DEVELOP VAST COAL FIELDS

Alaska Presents Great Opportunity as Source of Fuel Supply.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—Early development of the great coal fields of Alaska in order to secure States on the Pacific slope may be furnished with a high-grade coal at less cost than the product now brought half way around the world, and that the warships of the United States Navy in the Pacific may be provided with a first-class fuel of American production is advocated by Governor William B. Hoggatt, of Alaska, in his annual report for this year before being succeeded by Governor Walter E. Clark.

Alaska, according to Governor Hoggatt, passed a year of quiet development of its resources and without any marked incidents except unusual interest. The population remained practically the same, there having been a redistribution but no gain. Commerce between Alaska and the United States increased; satisfactory experiments in raising grain and cattle were made, and the mining industries were successful and without recurrence of the labor troubles, which materially interfered with operations last year.

Recommendations of importance made by Governor Hoggatt include the placing of the Governor under the authority of the Department of the Interior, as at present; a fair method of disposing of the coal lands of Alaska, the inspection of the mines by the United States Geological Survey in order to protect workmen; the extension to natives of Alaska of the right to acquire public lands and to hold and transmit property; appropriations for aid to navigation, and the establishment of a lighthouse district or sub-district with headquarters at Sitka.

"Encouragement should be given to those engaged in mining coal in Alaska," says Governor Hoggatt. "Unless a way is found to open the coal fields of Alaska the population will decrease and the State will be unable to develop the development of its resources. Mining of coal on Seward Peninsula would mean much to the people living in that section, as the cost of fuel under present conditions is very high and the consumption per capita is very great."

"The mineral is widely distributed throughout Alaska, and is found to be of very high grade in the Matanuska and Bering River valleys. Workable deposits are also to be found on Seward Peninsula. No titles having been secured to any coal lands in Alaska, development of the deposits has not been made. Once titles to the lands are given to the State, development will follow rapidly, as transportation seems to be assured. Charges of fraud in the location of coal lands should be sifted and determined with expedition and no patent issued to those entitled, and rejection of patents promptly made to those who have in any way violated the coal lands laws relating to Alaska and the United States."

"If a railroad is built to the Matanuska coal fields it will establish a permanent community north of the coast range of mountains, where men will have an opportunity to earn a livelihood through the sale of their products. It is a fact from which it can be seen that the development of the coal fields of Alaska is a matter of great importance to the State and to the Nation."

"Gold mining is being successfully carried on throughout the whole district," says Governor Hoggatt. "The development of recent discoveries of veins carrying high-grade ore have been very encouraging, and there seems to be a revival of interest in gold-quartz mining throughout South-eastern Alaska."

Governor Hoggatt recommends a law to diminish the controversies over the ownership of placer claims or to diminish the evils which have grown up under the practice of staking unlimited numbers of claims by individuals, or through power of attorney, and providing that eight times the amount of work to be performed upon a single claim to continue ownership for one year should be performed on each association claim during the year."

Confession Being Probed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—The army court investigating the Brownington case in most of to-day was hearing the testimony of army detectives and other witnesses in relation to the alleged confession of Private Boyd Conyers, of Georgia, that he and others were with the party that "shot up the town." Conyers previously testified before the court, practicing the same story, that he had taken no part in the affray. He probably will be examined again to-morrow. Conyers was in his first enlistment when discharged, and is not an applicant for re-enlistment.

Found Dead by the Roadside.

WASHINGTON, N. C., December 22.—John Hassel, of Old Ford township, was found dead by the roadside near his home, about five miles from this city, this morning. He was in this city yesterday, and it is surmised that he lay down on the road to sleep, and in this condition was frozen to death. Corporal Joshua Taylor viewed the remains and deemed an inquest unnecessary. Mr. Hassel leaves only one child.

Delegates to Richmond Convention.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 22.—The Business Men's Association of this city, at its meeting last night, elected Henry Warden, Colonel E. D. Cole, W. L. Braman and Dr. J. Barnett King as delegates to the convention of the Municipal League, to be held in Richmond January 6 and 7.

Will Move to Richmond.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BUENA VISTA, VA., December 22.—Dr. C. C. Coleman, who has been located in this city for the past six years, will leave on January 1 for Richmond. He will live in that city, and will be associated with Dr. J. Shelton Horsley, who is professor of surgery at the Medical College of Virginia.

Sent On to Grand Jury.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., December 22.—Michael Mjoulis, the young Greek, who two weeks ago stabbed and killed James Stamoulis, a Greek restaurant proprietor, was given a preliminary hearing in Police Court to-day, and sent on to the grand jury by Judge Berkeley.

Rue Over and Fatally Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., December 22.—Frank King, twenty-five years of age, an employee of the contractors building the Holston River Railroad, was run over and fatally injured in a near Kingsport, Tenn., last evening. He died following the amputation of a crushed limb.



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SUFFERED WITH FIXED DELUSION

Testimony of Alienist in Trial of Former Cashier Thornton.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

EUREKA MILLS, VA., December 22.—

Interest in the trial of F. C. Thornton, late cashier of the Charlotte Banking and Insurance Company, which has been in progress since last Wednesday, increases from day to day. People from all parts of the county are in attendance upon the daily sessions of the court.

Dr. Walter W. Vest, of Clarksville, was the first witness put on the stand yesterday morning, as an expert alienist. A hypothetical question was asked Dr. Vest by Mr. Flood, covering Mr. Thornton's habits and business methods in conducting the bank. Dr. Vest testified in answer that while he does not consider Mr. Thornton insane, he has a "fixed delusion," characteristic of an insane person, which incapacitates him for business; recting an instance in point of a business transaction he had with Mr. Thornton in the conduct of his bank.

Mr. Strode on cross-examination of the witness brought out the fact that

although he considered Mr. Thornton incapacitated for business, his transactions with him were satisfactory, and that he continued to keep an account with the bank as long as he lived at Charlotte Courthouse.

Mr. Thornton was put on the stand again at this point, going over at length the matter of overdrafts. The defense introduced several witnesses to attempt to prove that Mr. Thornton and his attorneys did not have ample time in which to examine the bank books. Several character witnesses were also introduced by the defense, who testified as to Mr. Thornton's reputation for honesty.

The defense yesterday had a number of witnesses to testify as to Mr. Thornton's careless manner of conducting his business, which was said to be due to his mental and nervous condition. Most of these witnesses stated that they kept accounts with the bank to the time of its failure.

Mr. Thornton's wife and daughter were on the witness stand for some time, relating in detail his highly nervous condition, and how his mental faculties were affected thereby, thus unfitting him for the transaction of his business. Mr. Thornton was on the stand again this morning on cross-examination.

It is probable that the examination of witnesses will soon be completed, and that the instructions to be given the jury will be presented to the court, and argued by counsel.

Miners' Houses at Dorchester Burned.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORTON, VA., December 22.—Fire broke out in the miners' houses of the

Colonial Coal and Coke Company, at Dorchester, one mile from here, at 7 o'clock this morning, and three houses were consumed before the flames were gotten under control. A fourth house was blown up, a full case of dynamite being used. The concussion was so great that window lights rattled in Norton, and many thought that a mine explosion had occurred somewhere in the county. The burned houses were covered by insurance.

Tobacco Market Suspends for Holidays.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 22.—The tobacco market suspended after the sales to-day until January 3. The sales for the season, due to continued dry weather, are 4,000,000 pounds lighter than a year ago.

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